

## ORDINANCE NO. 21-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH AT CHAPTER 66, NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION, AT ARTICLE 1, IN SECTION 66-311, PROHIBITED PLANTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**Section 2.** Sec. 66-311. Prohibited Plants is hereby amended to include the following provisions:

(d) Prohibition of ficus benjamina. Due to extreme susceptibility of the invasive white fly pest and the consequent enforcement issues to require owners to treat or remove infested ficus benjamina, no new planting of ficus benjamina shall be allowed.

~~(e)~~ *Protection of natural area and incentives.* The county has recognized the Palm Beach Island Sanctuaries (R43 T43 S34; R43 T44 S03/10/15) located within the town as a natural area containing high quality ecosystems that are worthy of protection. The town hereby adopts for purposes of the protection of said natural area and for purposes of the regulation of the buffer area around said natural area those sections of the County Code known as the "Palm Beach County Countywide Prohibited Invasive Non-Native Vegetation Removal Ordinance" relating to the protection and regulation of these areas. Additionally, the town adopts the incentive program offered by the county as incorporated within the "Palm Beach County Countywide Prohibited Invasive Non-Native Vegetation Removal Ordinance."

~~(f)~~ *Enforcement.* Violations of this section shall be:

- (1) Failure of a property owner to remove or eradicate prohibited invasive non-native vegetation in accordance with subsection (a) and (c) of this section.
- (2) Failure of a property owner to maintain nonexempt properties free of prohibited invasive non-native vegetation in accordance with subsection (c) of this section.

**Section 3.** Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can

be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**Section 4.** Repeal of Ordinances in Conflict.

All other ordinances of the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, or parts thereof which conflict with this or any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** Codification.

This Ordinance shall be codified and made a part of the official Code of Ordinances of the Town of Palm Beach.

**Section 6.** Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, as provided by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular, adjourned session of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach on first reading this 11th day of December, 2018, and for second and final reading on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Gail L. Coniglio, Mayor

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Danielle H. Moore, Town Council President

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Margaret A. Zeidman, Council President Pro Tem

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Julie Araskog, Town Council Member

ATTEST:

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Lewis S.W. Crampton, Town Council Member

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Kathleen Dominguez, Town Clerk

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Bobbie Lindsay, Town Council Member